



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yoshihiko TAIRA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2861

Application No.: 10/718,697

Examiner: H. PHAM

Filed: November 24, 2003

Docket No.: 117836

For: METHOD OF CORRECTING THE LIGHT AMOUNT OF A PRINthead

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the July 25, 2005 Office Action, the shortened statutory period for response being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-7 are pending.

Applicants thank Examiner Pham for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representatives during the October 31 and November 1 telephone interviews. During the interview, the Examiner agreed that the Masuda reference would be removed from prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) upon submission of a certified English translation of the priority document to perfect the claim for priority.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2 and 4-7 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0008247 to Masuda. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As discussed above, Applicants respectfully submit a certified English translation of the priority document to perfect the claim for priority. As agreed during the interviews, because the priority document was filed in Japan before the filing date of Masuda, Masuda is not qualified as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102(e). As such, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.


The Office Action rejects claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Masuda in view of JP 2001-080111 to Ishii. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 3 is allowable at least for its dependence on allowable claim 1, as well as for the additional features it recites. As such, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-7 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments:

Petition for Extension of Time
Certified English Translation of Priority Document

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